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## C. REMARKS

Drawings

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's acceptance of the formal drawings filed with the Application on March 26, 2001.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-21 were present in the Application prior to this Response. Claim 21 is allowed. The Examiner has stated that claims 4-7, 11, and 16-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In order to expedite prosecution of the present Application, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the limitations previously found in dependent claim 4, and, as a result, has cancelled claim 4. Similarly, Applicant has amended independent claims 9 and 13 to include the limitations previously found in dependent claims 11 and 16, respectively, and has cancelled claims 11 and 16. Claims 5, 6, 8, 10, 17, 18, and 20 have also been amended. As a result, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-3, 7-10, 12-15, and 17-21 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - Alleged Anticipation Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 8-10, 12-15, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Silverbrook et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,813,039 (hereinafter Silverbrook). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections. Based on the amendments discussed above, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) are now moot.

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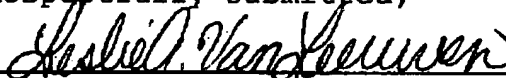
Conclusion

As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicant that the remaining claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests an early allowance of such claims.

Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner contact the Applicant's attorney listed below if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining questions or issues related to this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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